

HOUSE BILL 2411
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AN ACT to designate the U.S. Highway 45E Bypass in South Fulton as the "John C. Jones Parkway".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways to honor those exemplary citizens who have contributed significantly to the overall growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton, Tennessee has benefited from the outstanding public service of John C. Jones, who has been instrumental in obtaining, designing, and bringing to completion a modern high school building and elementary school which are the envy of many school districts; and

WHEREAS, John C. Jones has provided meritorious service to the community of South Fulton and its twin city Fulton, Kentucky by voluntarily serving in the following capacities: member of the First Methodist Church and past member of the Board of Directors, currently serving as Chairman of Building and Grounds Committee; Founder of "Great American Celebration" (community festival and fund raiser); Chairman of the City of South Fulton's Industrial Board; Past member of the Tennessee State Board of Education; 18 year member of Obion County Board of Education, currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Building & Finance Committees; Past member of the Tennessee Governor's Advisory Staff; and Past member of the University of Tennessee Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' integrity, probity and industry were appropriately recognized when he was selected as "Citizen of the Year" of South Fulton, Tennessee and Fulton, Kentucky in both 1983 and 1985; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated servant of his community was also honored with the “Community Development Award” by the City of South Fulton in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is truly an inspirational leader among his peers, as he has distinguished himself by working assiduously to ensure a bright future for his fellow citizens and their progeny; and

WHEREAS, he has also been an instrumental force in bringing industrial prospects and advances in education to South Fulton; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of South Fulton has expressed a desire to name the U.S. Highway 45E Bypass, which passes in front of the new high school building for which he was singularly responsible, in honor of Mr. Jones to demonstrate the community’s appreciation of his outstanding public service and stellar citizenship; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has always endeavored to comply with the wishes of local governments on matters of local concern, whenever it has been feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that the U.S. Highway 45E Bypass within the corporate limits of the City of South Fulton is hereby designated as the “John C. Jones Parkway” to honor this exemplary public servant who truly epitomizes the volunteer spirit of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of the U.S. Highway 45E Bypass in South Fulton as the “John C. Jones Parkway”.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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